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10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
11 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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13 YOLANDA MARY KALB,  
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15 Plaintiff,  
16 v.  
17 CITY OF OCEANSIDE, a public  
18 entity; et al.,  
Defendants.

CASE NO: 11-CV-00847W

**ORDER GRANTING  
DEFENDANTS' SUMMARY-  
JUDGMENT MOTION [DOC. 40]**

19 On April 21, 2011, Plaintiff Yolanda Mary Kalb filed this lawsuit under 42 U.S.C.  
20 § 1983 against the City of Oceanside, Oceanside Police Department, and Officers Brian  
21 Wray, Marcus Woods, Nicholas Olsen, Justin Pecchia, and Jon Seabron. Plaintiff alleges  
22 excessive force and false arrest in violation of her Fourth Amendment rights.

23 Defendants have filed a summary-judgment motion. Plaintiff Kalb opposes the  
24 motion. The Court decides the matter on the papers submitted and without oral  
25 argument under Civil Local Rule 7.1(d)(1). For the reasons stated below, the Court  
26 **GRANTS** Defendants' motion [Doc. 40].

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1 **I. BACKGROUND**

2 On the night of June 23, 2010, Oceanside Police Officer Brian Wray responded  
3 to a complaint that an individual had attempted to expose himself in a local restaurant.  
4 (See *Wray Decl.* [Doc. 40-13] ¶¶ 1-2; *Woods Decl.* [Doc. 40-12] ¶ 2.) Based on the  
5 individual's description, Officer Wray suspected Joshua Kalb, Plaintiff Yolanda Kalb's  
6 son, was the individual in question.<sup>1</sup> (*Wray Decl.* ¶ 3.) Joshua had a history of mental-  
7 health problems, and had been arrested multiple times for substance abuse and "DUI."  
8 (*Compl.* [Doc. 1], ¶ 14; *Y. Kalb Decl.* [Doc. 44-1], ¶ 3; *Def.s' NOL*, Ex. 22 ("J. Kalb Depo.")  
9 [Doc. 40-3], 35:1-21.)

10 Officer Wray approached Joshua in an alley behind the Sunshine Brooks Theater,  
11 which Yolanda co-manages. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 3; *Compl.*, ¶ 13.) Upon seeing Officer Wray  
12 approach, Joshua ran through the theater's back door and locked the door. (*Wray Decl.*,  
13 ¶ 2.) Officer Wray knocked on the door, and Yolanda responded. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶2, *Kalb*  
14 *Decl.*, ¶ 3.) While talking to Yolanda, another theater employee told Officer Wray that  
15 Joshua had run out of the front door and headed south. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 3.)

16 Officer Wray left the theater to pursue Joshua, and was joined by Officer Marcus  
17 Woods. The two officers found Joshua in the bar next door. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 3.) As  
18 Officer Woods entered the bar, he heard Officer Wray yell, "turn around and place your  
19 hands behind your back." (*Woods Decl.*, ¶ 4.) Joshua then charged Officer Wray and  
20 threw a punch, which glanced the top left side of Officer Wray's head. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 4;  
21 *Def.s' NOL*, Ex. 24 ("Buxton Depo.") [Doc. 40-3], 19:19-21 and Ex. 25 ("Diamond  
22 Depo.") [Doc. 40-4], 20:9-22.) Officer Woods tackled Joshua by the bar's entrance, but  
23 Joshua fought to get free and stood back up. (*Woods Decl.*, ¶ 4.) The two officers  
24 continued to struggle with Joshua, and they fell back inside the bar's entrance, knocking  
25 over a small wooden podium, a plant and eventually knocking up against a large wooden  
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27 <sup>1</sup>Generally, this Court's orders refer to parties by their last names. However, because the  
28 factual background involves two members of the Kalb family, Plaintiff Mary Kalb and Joshua  
Kalb, this order will refer to their first names.

1 Tiki. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 4; *Woods Decl.*, ¶ 5; *Buxton Depo.*, 20:25–21:1.) Although the officers  
2 managed to get Joshua onto the ground again, they were having a hard time controlling  
3 him, and it did not look like they were going to be able to keep Joshua down. (*Def.s'*  
4 *NOL*, Ex. 26 (“Blackburn Depo.”) [Doc. 40-4], 44:7–14.) Ken Jarboe, the bar’s security  
5 guard, then joined to help the officers. (*Id.*; *Woods Decl.*, ¶ 6; *Wray Decl.*, ¶ 5.)

6 As the struggle with Joshua continued inside the bar, Officer Olsen arrived at the  
7 scene. (*Olsen Dec.* [Doc. 40-8], ¶ 3.) He observed Officers Woods and Wray on either  
8 side of Joshua, who was on the ground, and the bar’s security guard holding Joshua’s legs.  
9 (*Olsen Decl.*, ¶ 3; *Woods Decl.*, ¶ 6; *Wray Decl.*, ¶ 5.) The officers repeatedly told Joshua  
10 to stop resisting. (*Olsen Decl.*, ¶ 4; *Woods Decl.*, ¶ 6; *Wray Decl.*, ¶ 5.) Bar patrons  
11 observing the melee stated that Joshua was “fighting like a furious beast,” that he “just  
12 went crazy,” and that he appeared to either want to run away or harm the officers. (*Def.s'*  
13 *NOL*, Ex. 21 (“Blackburn & Diamond Statements”) [Doc. 40-2], 5:4–5; Ex. 25  
14 (“Diamond Depo.”) [Doc. 40-4], 20:15–22; *Blackburn Depo.*, 41:22–42:1.)

15 Eventually, Officer Woods managed to handcuff Joshua’s right wrist, but Joshua  
16 forcefully hid his left hand under his body. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 5; *Woods Decl.*, ¶ 6; *Olsen Decl.*,  
17 ¶ 4.) Officer Wray believed that Joshua was attempting to grab a weapon with his left  
18 hand and “distributed two ‘distraction blows’” with his right fist to Joshua’s rib cage.  
19 (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 5.)

20 At approximately this time, Yolanda entered the bar. (*Y. Kalb Decl.* [Doc. 44-1],  
21 ¶ 4; *Wray Decl.*, ¶ 5; *Buxton Depo.*, 23:12–22.) She approached to within one to three  
22 feet of the struggle and began telling Joshua to calm down. (*Y. Kalb Decl.*, ¶¶ 5–6.)  
23 When Officer Wray struck Joshua in the ribs, Yolanda told the officers to stop hurting  
24 her son. (*Y. Kalb Decl.*, ¶¶ 6–8; *Diamond Depo.*, 59:15–21.) Joshua then called-out for  
25 her assistance. (*Diamond Depo.*, 29:6–10, 34:15–17.) Yolanda contends that “up to this  
26 time,” she did not touch any officer and when told to get back, took one step back;

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1 however, she reached toward her son, as if wanting to help him. (*Y. Kalb Decl.*, ¶¶ 9–10;  
2 *Y. Kalb Depo.*, 281:13–16; *Diamond Depo.*, 59:5–10, 64:5–8.<sup>2</sup>)

3 As the struggle continued, Officer Wray was concerned about the patrons in the  
4 small bar, and that the situation could get out of control. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 6.) Officer  
5 Olsen took Officer Wray’s place in the struggle with Joshua. (*Id.*, ¶ 7; *Olsen Decl.*, ¶ 4.)  
6 Officer Wray then stood up, took one step, and grabbed Yolanda by the wrists. (*Wray*  
7 *Decl.*, ¶ 7; *Y. Kalb Decl.*, ¶ 11.) According to Yolanda’s declaration, Officer Wray yanked  
8 her arms downward, then up over her head and moved her back (approximately a foot)  
9 up against the wall. (*Kalb Decl.*, ¶¶ 12, 14, 16; *Diamond Depo.*, 77:4–8.) She immediately  
10 experienced pain in her wrist and arm, which led her to scream and act in a way that  
11 “anybody would think that I was pretty much a raving maniac.” (*Y. Kalb Depo.*,  
12 213:15–19.) She further concedes that given the way she was screaming and the pain  
13 she was experiencing, witnesses could have “interpreted [her] to be resisting” Officer  
14 Wray. (*Id.*, 280:22–281:5.) Officer Wray then placed Yolanda in handcuffs and pushed  
15 her onto a bench against the wall. (*Kalb Decl.*, ¶ 17.)

16 Yolanda was eventually seen by paramedics and transported to the hospital. While  
17 at the hospital, Yolanda stated that she had consumed one or two glasses of wine that  
18 night. (*Y. Kalb Depo.*, 88:4–25.) Officer Wray then read Yolanda her Miranda rights.  
19 (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 12.) She was taken into custody and charged with violation of California  
20 Penal Code 148(1), for resisting an officer. (*Id.*, ¶ 8; *See Def.s’ RJN* [Doc. 40-5], Ex. 2.)  
21 Joshua was also arrested and pled guilty to violation of California Penal Code 69. (*See*  
22 *Def.s’ RJN*, Ex. 1.)

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25 <sup>2</sup> The Officers’ version of events at this point differs significantly. Officers testified that  
26 they told Yolanda several times to back away, that she refused and made physical contact with  
27 Officers Woods and Wray. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 6; *Woods Decl.*, ¶ 7; *Olsen Decl.*, ¶ 5.) Bar patrons  
28 confirm the officers’ version and testified that Yolanda Kalb was very emotional, ignored  
repeated commands to back away from the scene, and she attempted to pull officers off Joshua.  
(*Buxton Depo.*, 24:17–19, 25:2–5, 26:10–25; *Diamond Depo.*, 29:6–10, 34:5–22, 38:1–7, 59:5–25,  
61:20–62:2, 64:4–8; *Blackburn Depo.*, 90:15–91:8, 131:23–132:15.)

1     **II.     LEGAL STANDARD**

2             Summary judgment is appropriate under Rule 56(c) where the moving party  
3 demonstrates the absence of a genuine issue of material fact and entitlement to judgment  
4 as a matter of law. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c); Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 322  
5 (1986). A fact is material when, under the governing substantive law, it could affect the  
6 outcome of the case. Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986);  
7 Freeman v. Arpaio, 125 F.3d 732, 735 (9th Cir. 1997). A dispute about a material fact  
8 is genuine if “the evidence is such that a reasonable jury could return a verdict for the  
9 nonmoving party.” Anderson, 477 U.S. at 248.

10            A party seeking summary judgment always bears the initial burden of establishing  
11 the absence of a genuine issue of material fact. Celotex, 477 U.S. at 323. The moving  
12 party can satisfy this burden in two ways: (1) by presenting evidence that negates an  
13 essential element of the nonmoving party’s case; or (2) by demonstrating that the  
14 nonmoving party failed to make a showing sufficient to establish an element essential to  
15 that party’s case on which that party will bear the burden of proof at trial. Id. at 322-23.  
16 “Disputes over irrelevant or unnecessary facts will not preclude a grant of summary  
17 judgment.” T.W. Elec. Serv., Inc. v. Pacific Elec. Contractors Ass’n, 809 F.2d 626, 630  
18 (9th Cir. 1987).

19            “The district court may limit its review to the documents submitted for the  
20 purpose of summary judgment and those parts of the record specifically referenced  
21 therein.” Carmen v. San Francisco Unified School Dist., 237 F.3d 1026, 1030 (9th Cir.  
22 2001). Therefore, the court is not obligated “to scour the record in search of a genuine  
23 issue of triable fact.” Keenan v. Allen, 91 F.3d 1275, 1279 (9th Cir. 1996) (citing  
24 Richards v. Combined Ins. Co., 55 F.3d 247, 251 (7th Cir. 1995)).

25            If the moving party meets its initial burden, the nonmoving party cannot defeat  
26 summary judgment merely by demonstrating “that there is some metaphysical doubt as  
27 to the material facts.” Matsushita Elec. Indus. Co., Ltd. v. Zenith Radio Corp., 475 U.S.  
28 574, 586 (1986); Triton Energy Corp. v. Square D Co., 68 F.3d 1216, 1221 (9th Cir.

1 1995) (citing Anderson, 477 U.S. at 252) (“The mere existence of a scintilla of evidence  
 2 in support of the nonmoving party’s position is not sufficient.”). Rather, the nonmoving  
 3 party must “go beyond the pleadings and by her own affidavits, or by ‘the depositions,  
 4 answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file,’ designate ‘specific facts showing that  
 5 there is a genuine issue for trial.’” Celotex, 477 U.S. at 324 (quoting Fed.R.Civ.P. 56(e)).

6 When making this determination, the court must view all inferences drawn from  
 7 the underlying facts in the light most favorable to the nonmoving party. See Matsushita,  
 8 475 U.S. at 587. “Credibility determinations, the weighing of evidence, and the drawing  
 9 of legitimate inferences from the facts are jury functions, not those of a judge, [when] he  
 10 [or she] is ruling on a motion for summary judgment.” Anderson, 477 U.S. at 255.

### 11 12 **III. DISCUSSION**

#### 13 **A. Yolanda Kalb’s objections are overruled.**

14 Yolanda has filed a number of objections to Defendants’ evidence. The vast  
 15 majority of the objections need not be decided because much of the evidence objected  
 16 to was not relied upon in deciding the motion. Specifically, the Court did not rely on  
 17 the following evidence: Defendants’ Exhibits 1-11, 15, and 16, which are attached to  
 18 the notice of lodgement; and RJN 3, which is attached to Defendants’ request for  
 19 judicial notice.

20 With respect to Exhibit 21 (erroneously identified as Michael Buxton’s  
 21 transcribed recorded statement), Jon Seaborn’s declaration, Joshua Kalb’s Plea of No  
 22 Contest / Guilty in San Diego Superior Court Case No. CN278689, and the  
 23 Misdemeanor Complaint filed against Yolanda Kalb in San Diego Superior Court  
 24 Case No. CN278745, the Court overrules the objections with respect to those  
 25 portions of the evidence cited in this order. The Court also **GRANTS** Defendants’  
 26 request for judicial notice.

1           B.     Summary judgment is appropriate as to Officers Woods, Olsen,  
 2                 Pecchia and Seaborn.

3           Defendants argue that Officers Woods, Olsen, Pecchia and Seaborn should be  
 4 dismissed because “the undisputed evidence shows that Officer Wray was the only  
 5 defendant officer who detained plaintiff and he was the one who tried to subdue and  
 6 later handcuff her.” (*P&A* [Doc. 40-1], 7:9–13.) In support of this argument, Defendants  
 7 provide declarations from each of the officers in which they state that they were not  
 8 involved in her arrest. (*Olsen Decl.*, ¶ 6; *Pecchia Decl.* [Doc. 40-9], ¶ 6; *Seaborn Decl.* [Doc.  
 9 40-11], ¶ 9; *Woods Decl.*, ¶ 7.) Additionally, other than Officer Woods’ statement that  
 10 he used his left arm to push Yolanda back approximately 3 times while simultaneously  
 11 attempting to subdue Joshua, these officers did not have any physical contact with  
 12 Yolanda.<sup>3</sup> (*Id.*) Furthermore, consistent with these declarations, Officer Wray testified  
 13 that he restrained and arrested Yolanda. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 7.)

14           In response, Yolanda provides no evidence contradicting the officers’ statements.  
 15 Nor does she provide any evidence that anyone other than Officer Wray had physical  
 16 contact with her. Instead, Yolanda argues that these officer defendants should not be  
 17 dismissed because she is “uncertain about which officer was involved with which  
 18 actions.” (*Opp.* [Doc. 44], 8:10–13.)

19           But Yolanda’s uncertainty about who was involved in her arrest is insufficient at  
 20 this stage in the litigation. Defendants have satisfied their initial burden of providing  
 21 evidence that they had no contact with her. The burden, therefore, has shifted to  
 22 Yolanda to provide either conflicting evidence that establishes a disputed issue of fact or

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 24           <sup>3</sup> In arguing that summary judgment is not appropriate on her excessive force claim,  
 25 Yolanda contends that she did not have any physical contact with the officers while they were  
 26 trying to restrain Joshua on the floor. (*See Kalb Decl.*, ¶ 6 (“While I was about three feet from  
 27 the officers at that point, I never touched any officer during this incident.”).) Accordingly,  
 28 because the Court must accept Yolanda’s version of events, the Court disregards Officer Woods’  
 statement that he used his left arm to push Yolanda away from the scene. However, even if the  
 Woods’ statement was undisputed, such contact is insufficient to establish an excessive force  
 claim, under the circumstances of this case.



1 to provide some authority for the proposition that these officers may be liable for  
 2 excessive force despite their lack of contact with her. Having failed to do either, Officers  
 3 Woods, Olsen, Pecchia and Seabron are entitled so summary judgment. See Matsushita,  
 4 475 U.S. at 586 (the nonmoving party cannot defeat summary judgment merely by  
 5 demonstrating “that there is some metaphysical doubt as to the material facts.”)

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 7 **C. Officer Wray did not use excessive force.**

8 In determining whether an officer used excessive force, courts consider “the nature  
 9 and quality of the intrusion on the individual’s Fourth Amendment interests against the  
 10 countervailing governmental interests at stake.” Graham v. Connor, 490 U.S. 386, 396  
 11 (1989). Courts examine the nature of the crime, the threat to officers, whether the  
 12 suspect resists arrest, the amount of force used to arrest, the availability of alternatives  
 13 to the amount of force used, and the mental and emotional state of the plaintiff.  
 14 Lutchel, 623 F.2d at 980 (citing Graham, 490 U.S. at 396; Davis v. City of Las Vegas,  
 15 478 F.3d 1048, 1055-57 (9th Cir. 2007); Deorle v. Rutherford, 272 F.3d 1272, 1282 (9th  
 16 Cir. 2001)). Although a court views evidence in the light most favorable to the  
 17 non-moving party in summary judgment, “[t]he ‘reasonableness’ of a particular use of  
 18 force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather  
 19 than with the 20/20 vision of hindsight.” Lutchel, 623 F.2d at 980 (citing Graham, 490  
 20 U.S. at 396, 109 S.Ct. 1865).

21 Here, the government interest began with the need to investigate a complaint that  
 22 someone, matching Joshua’s description, was exposing himself in a local restaurant. The  
 23 government interest quickly expanded to the need to subdue a violent suspect, who  
 24 assaulted police officers, and to protecting those in the vicinity of the melee, including  
 25 the bar patrons, fellow officers and Yolanda. Theses interests are established by the  
 26 following undisputed facts.

27 When officers entered the bar, Joshua immediately charged and punched the side  
 28 of Officer Wray’s head. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 4; *Buxton Depo.*, 19:19–21; *Diamond Depo.*,



20:9–22.) In attempting to take Joshua into custody, there is no dispute that Joshua put up significant resistance, causing the officers to fall to the ground and knock over furnishing in the bar’s entrance. (*Woods Decl.*, ¶¶ 4–6; *Wray Decl.*, ¶¶ 4–5; *Buxton Depo.* 20:25–21:1; *Blackburn Depo.*, 44:7–14.) Patrons characterized Joshua as “fighting like a furious beast,” and felt that Joshua appeared to want harm the officers. (*Blackburn & Diamond Statements*, 5:4–5; *Diamond Depo.*, 20:15–22; *Blackburn Depo.*, 41:22–42:1.) These facts establish that officers were faced with a rapidly deteriorating and dangerous situation that required split second decisions. (See also *Diamond Depo.*, 37:12–14; *Blackburn Depo.*, 44:7–14; *Wray Decl.*, ¶ 5.)

It is also undisputed that when Yolanda entered the bar, the struggle with Joshua was ongoing. Yolanda testified that she saw Officer Wray strike Joshua in the ribs and began telling the officers to stop hurting her son. (*Y. Kalb Decl.*, ¶¶ 6–8, *Diamond Depo.*, 59:15–21.) During this time, Joshua refused to remove his left hand from under his body, leading Officer Wray to believe that Joshua might be trying to grab a weapon. (*Wray Decl.*, ¶ 5.) Meanwhile, Yolanda stood within 3 feet of the struggle, told officers to stop hurting her son, and appeared to be reaching toward Joshua as he pleaded with her to help. (*Y. Kalb Decl.*, ¶¶ 5–6, 8; *Diamond Depo.*, 59:5–10, 64:5–8.)

Based on these undisputed facts, Officer Wray was reasonably concerned for the safety of the patrons, the officers and Yolanda, and that the situation could get further out of control. Officer Wray did not need to wait to see if Yolanda would succumb to her son’s pleas for assistance before deciding to use force to remove her from the scene so the other officers could handcuff Joshua.

Next, the Court considers the nature and quality of the intrusion on Yolanda’s Fourth Amendment rights by evaluating the “the type and amount of force inflicted” upon her. *Jackson*, 268 F.3d at 652–653. According to Yolanda’s version of events, Officer Wray stoop up from the melee, and took one long step toward her, and grabbed both of her arms. (*Y. Kalb Decl.*, ¶¶ 11–12.) Officer Wray yanked her arms downward towards the floor, and then yanked her arms up over her head, raising her from the floor

1 with the motion. (*Id.*, ¶¶ 12–14.) With her arms over her head, Yolanda was forced  
2 back against the wall, where there was a bench that caused her to awkwardly lean  
3 backward. (*Id.*, ¶ 16.) As a result, the combination of the motion to move her against  
4 the wall and location of the bench caused her to hit her head against the wall. (*Id.*)  
5 Aside from stating that she experienced pain in her wrists when Officer Wray grabbed  
6 her arms, and “excruciating pain” when he raised her arms over head, Yolanda has  
7 provided no other evidence of a physical injury. (*See Y. Kalb Decl.*, ¶¶ 12, 14.)  
8 Defendants state that Yolanda suffered a dislocated elbow, which was repaired at the  
9 hospital. (*See Def.s’ Sep. State. Of Facts* [Doc. 40-6], No. 28.)

10 Based on Yolanda’s version of events, the intrusion on Yolanda’s rights was  
11 minimal. In short, the force used consisted of grabbing her wrists, “yanking” them  
12 forcefully up and down, and moving her back approximately a foot to the wall. Her  
13 injury was minor and Yolanda has provided no evidence that the injury has any lasting  
14 effects. Accordingly, given the violent and rapidly deteriorating situation faced by the  
15 officers attempting to subdue Joshua, the Court finds Officer Wray’s use of force against  
16 Yolanda was reasonable, and thus no constitutional violation occurred.

17 Yolanda’s opposition, nevertheless, asserts that summary judgment is not  
18 appropriate because a factual disputes exists regarding whether Yolanda touched any  
19 officer. (*Opp.*, 6:1–2.) Yolanda Kalb is correct that whether she touched the officers is  
20 a disputed issue of fact. However, such fact is not material given the other undisputed  
21 evidence.

22 There is no doubt that Officer Wray’s defense would have been even stronger if  
23 (as bar patrons and officers testified) it was undisputed that Yolanda attempted to pull  
24 officers off Joshua. Nevertheless, for the reasons explained above, the undisputed facts  
25 easily justify Officer Wray’s use of force against Yolanda. Accordingly, the Court finds  
26 Officer Wray is entitled to summary judgment on the excessive force claim.

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1           **D.   Officer Wray had probable cause to arrest Yolanda Kalb.**

2           In the Complaint, Yolanda also charges Officer Wray with false arrest. Officer  
3 Wray contends this claim lacks merits because he had probable cause to arrest Yolanda.  
4 The Court agrees.

5           As an initial matter, Yolanda's opposition does not address the false arrest claim.  
6 Rather, with respect to the Fourth Amendment cause of action, Yolanda only addresses  
7 the excessive force claim. (*See Opp.*, 6:7–8:7.) The Court, therefore, construes Yolanda's  
8 failure to address the false arrest claim as a concession to its merits and, on that basis,  
9 finds summary judgment appropriate.

10          Moreover, notwithstanding Yolanda's failure to address this claim, the undisputed  
11 facts establish that Officer Wray had probable cause to arrest her. "Probable cause exists  
12 when, under the totality of the circumstances known to the arresting officers (or within  
13 the knowledge of the other officers at the scene), a prudent person would believe the  
14 suspect had committed a crime." Blankenhorn v. City of Orange, 485 F.3d 463, 471  
15 (9th Cir. 2007) citing Dubner v. City & County of San Francisco, 266 F.3d 959, 966  
16 (9th Cir. 2001).

17          As stated above, the Court finds that Officer Wray used reasonable force in  
18 removing Yolanda Kalb from the altercation between officers and Joshua. Additionally,  
19 based on Yolanda's deposition testimony, there is no dispute that when Officer Wray  
20 grabbed and yanked her arms, Yolanda began to scream and acted like a "raving maniac."  
21 (*Y. Kalb Depo.*, 213:15–19.) Indeed, at least one of the bar's patrons testified that "it was  
22 like she was turning into her son." (*Diamond Depo.*, 38:1–7.) And Yolanda further  
23 admitted during her deposition that given the way she was screaming and the pain she  
24 was experiencing, it was reasonable to interpret her actions as resisting Officer Wray. (*Y.*  
25 *Kalb Depo.*, 280:22–281:5.) Based on these undisputed facts, the Court finds Officer  
26 Wray had probable cause to arrest Yolanda.

27          Moreover, the Court also finds Officer Wray had probable cause to arrest Yolanda  
28 for interfering with the officers' performance of their duties even before he stood up and

1 grabbed Yolanda's arms. Again, as stated above, there is no dispute that just before  
2 Yolanda entered the bar, the officers were involved in a violent struggle with her son.  
3 While in the midst of this struggle, Yolanda approached within a few feet of the  
4 altercation, and told officers to stop hurting her son while Joshua pleaded for her help.  
5 There is also nothing disputing the bar patron's testimony that Yolanda appeared to be  
6 reaching out for her son. Yolanda also admits that she was told to back up, but only took  
7 one step back from the struggle. Based on the totality of circumstances existing at the  
8 time, the Court finds that even before Officer Wray stood up to arrest Yolanda, he had  
9 probable cause to arrest her for interfering with the arrest of her son.

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11 **E. The Officers are entitled to qualified immunity.**

12 The Officer Defendants also seek summary judgment based on qualified  
13 immunity. "The doctrine of qualified immunity protects government officials 'from  
14 liability for civil damages insofar as their conduct does not violate clearly established  
15 statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable person would have known.'" Pearson v. Callahan, 555 U.S. 223, 231 (2009). "Qualified immunity balances two  
16 important interests—the need to hold public officials accountable when they exercise power  
17 irresponsibly and the need to shield officials from harassment, distraction, and liability  
18 when they perform their duties reasonably." Id.

20 In evaluating qualified immunity, the Court must evaluate two issues. First, whether  
21 the facts show the violation of a constitutional right. Saucier v. Katz, 533 U.S. 194, 201  
22 (2001). Second, whether the right was "clearly established" at the time of defendant's  
23 misconduct. Id. "Qualified immunity is applicable unless the official's conduct violated  
24 a clearly established constitutional right." Pearson, 555 U.S. at 232.

25 For the reasons stated above, the Court finds that the undisputed facts establish  
26 that none of the Officer Defendants, including Officer Wray, violated Yolanda's  
27 constitutional rights. Because there was no violations of a constitutional right, the  
28 Officer Defendants are entitled to qualified immunity.

1           **F. The City and Police Department are entitled to summary judgment.**

2           In order to prevail on her section 1983 claim against the City and Police  
3 Department, Yolanda must establish (1) the deprivation of a constitutional right, (2) a  
4 city policy that caused the deprivation, (3) that the policy rose to “deliberate indifference”  
5 to the plaintiff’s constitutional right, and (4) that the policy was the moving force behind  
6 the constitutional deprivation. Oviatt v. Pierce, 954 F.2d 1470 (9th Cir. 1992).

7           Here, Defendants argue that the City does not have a policy or long standing  
8 practice that caused Yolanda’s harm. Yolanda’s opposition does not address this  
9 argument, and thus provides no evidence of a policy or custom of practice that caused  
10 her harm. For this reason alone, the Court finds the City and Police Department are  
11 entitled to summary judgment.

12           Additionally, for the reasons stated above, the Court finds that Yolanda has failed  
13 to establish the deprivation of a constitutional right. For this reason too, summary  
14 judgment is appropriate as to the City and Police Department. Jackson, 268 F.3d at 653  
15 (“Neither a municipality nor a supervisor, however, can be held liable under § 1983  
16 where no injury or constitutional violation has occurred. [Citations omitted.]”).

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18           **G. Yolanda Kalb has abandoned the state claims and they lack merit.**

19           Defendants seek summary judgment of Yolanda’s state-law claims. Yolanda  
20 concedes that the claims should be dismissed as duplicative of her federal claims. (See  
21 *Opp.*, 8:18–22.) Additionally, because the Court has found that probable cause existed  
22 to arrest Yolanda, and that the amount of force used was reasonable under the  
23 circumstances, Yolanda’s state claims must be dismissed.

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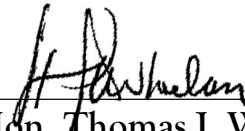
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1 **IV. CONCLUSION & ORDER**

2 For the reasons discussed above, the Court **GRANTS** Defendants' summary-  
3 judgment motion [Doc. 40].

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5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

6 **DATED: March 29, 2013**

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United States District Judge